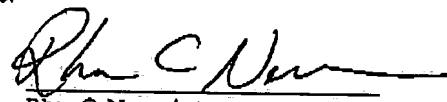


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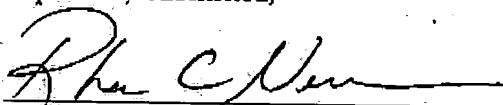
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a 1-month extension of time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2004. The response date was September 29, 2004. With the granting of this request, the response time is re-set to October 29, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0812 in the amount of \$110, the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0812.

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